

# Alcohol Consumption in Park Spaces

Alcohol in Parks Update  
Priorities Committee Meeting  
June 22, 2021

# Alcohol in Parks

- Council requested administration prepare a report for options to allow alcohol consumption in Strathcona County parks.



# Alberta Gaming, Liquor and Cannabis Act

- Alberta Gaming, Liquor and Cannabis sets out regulations for alcohol consumption
- The Act states for public places that:
  - a person may consume liquor in a public park in a picnic area designated by the owner or operator of the public park during the hours designated by the owner or operator if a sign is posted that
    - (a) states that a person may consume liquor in the designated picnic area,
    - (b) sets out the designated picnic area, and sets out the hours when liquor may be consumed.
  - A person must stop consuming liquor in a designated picnic area if a peace officer on reasonable and probable grounds believes that the person is intoxicated and the peace officer requests that person to stop consuming liquor.

# Current Alcohol Consumption in Parks

- Exemptions have been given for special events such as:
  - Highland Gathering
  - Ravenwood Music Festival
  - Weddings



# Considerations for Park and Open Space

- Site criteria includes:
  1. Picnic Site
  2. Proximity to existing recreation and park facilities
  3. Parking availability
  4. Access to the site
  5. Visibility from the road
  6. Noise for adjacent residents



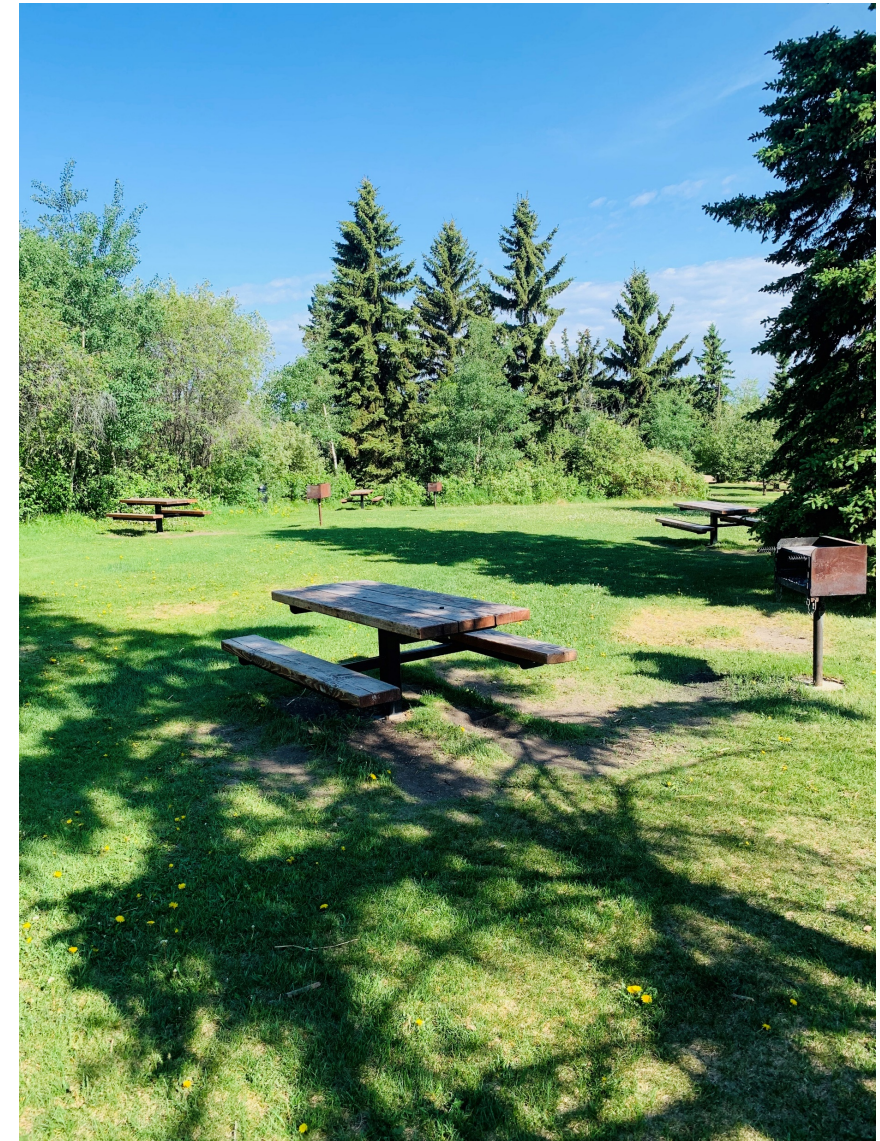
# Municipal Comparison

City	Number of parks that permit responsible alcohol consumption	Status
Strathcona County	6	Pilot summer 2021
Edmonton	7 parks with designated picnic sites	Pilot summer 2021
Red Deer	0	
St. Albert	0	
Spruce Grove	0	
City of Leduc	0	Administration considering options
Calgary	36 parks	Pilot (designated picnic tables)
Stony Plain	0	
Grand Prairie	1	Permitted in designated reservable group use area

# 2021 Pilot Sites

- **Pilot sites for summer 2021**

1. Centennial Park picnic shelter and fire pits
2. Broadmoor Lake Park – north lake picnic areas
3. Cloverbar Ranch Park - picnic shelter
4. Broadmoor Lake Park – Peace Park
5. Josephburg picnic area – near pickleball courts
6. South Cooking Lake - picnic shelter



# Next Steps

- Implement signage at picnic site locations and communication plan
- Evaluate use of pilot locations
  - Feedback from people who consumed alcohol and those that did not.
  - Impact of designated alcohol consumption picnic sites on park users' overall experience
  - Public awareness of designated picnic site locations
  - Enforcement and/or complaint review
- Plan for 2022 pilot sites and/or implementation



# Questions?

